



JACK RUBY

# DYING EVENING RUBY INSISTS: NO PLOT

DALLAS, Monday. — Jack Ruby in his dying days still insists there was no conspiracy involved in his killing of Lee Harvey Oswald, named by the Warren Commission as the assassin of President Kennedy.

Ruby, gravely ill with cancer, lies in a guarded room in Parkland Hospital, where both President Kennedy and Oswald died before him.

Ruby wants to take any scientific test to prove for history there was no conspiracy.

"Jack has told me a dozen times or more he prays to be given a final lie-detector test so people will be convinced that there was no plan on his part, or conspiracy of any kind, to kill Oswald," said Ruby's brother, Earl, a Detroit businessman.

"It is his last wish." Earl Ruby and Mr. Elmer Gertz, a Chicago lawyer who has acted for Jack Ruby, had seen him an hour earlier in hospital.

Gertz and Earl Ruby were asked whether Jack Ruby had any regrets about killing Oswald and so making a trial impossible and perpetuating the feeling that the full story of the assassination will never be known.

'The havoc'

"He has regrets, but they are not so much about Oswald," said Mr. Gertz. "These are regrets about the havoc caused to his people."

Ruby, a Jew, is known to feel that his action reflected poorly upon the Jewish people.

"Jack reads the newspapers and magazines and watches television and is aware of the controversy about the Warren report and all the books and articles which are constructing incredible stories of a conspiracy in which he is claimed to have had a part," said Mr. Gertz.

They said he keeps referring to his movements the morning of Sunday, November 24, 1963, when drawn by curiosity, he entered the basement of the police and courts building, and "on impulse and the purest of chance, shot Lee Harvey Oswald."

"And he is bewildered that it is not plain to everyone that it was a million-to-one chance that he would stumble into a situation in which it was even possible that Oswald could be shot," said Mr. Gertz.

As he lies gravely ill, he still maintains—according to Mr. Gertz and Earl Ruby—that "I never met or knew or saw Oswald until I saw him in jail, and I never knew Officer Tippit."

## 'Without malice'

The Warren report said Dallas policeman J. D. Tippit was shot dead by Oswald when Oswald fled to the Oak Cliffs section of Dallas after assassinating President Kennedy.

Mr. Gertz and Earl Ruby said that Jack Ruby today acts like a man who wants to remain alive long enough to be convinced that others believe beyond question that he "acted out of overwhelming emotion and without malice and without premeditation."